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DCM delivered reftel points to MFA political director Kai Eide, March 26. Eide said he was personally surprised and concerned by the decision to exchange Taliban prisioners for the Italian journalist. Eide stated that he shares the U.S. view that this action puts everyone involved in Afghanistan at risk. He promised to speak with the most senior levels of the MFA to encourage them to speak to the Afghanistan and Italian governments. He also said he expected this issue to be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the North Atlantic Council.

WHITNEY